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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. KURODA et al

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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH AN ACTIVE REGION  
AND PLURAL DUMMY REGIONS

Group: 2826

Examiner: T. QUACH

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MS: AMENDMENTS**

April 4, 2005

Commissioner For Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks** are included following the Amendment.